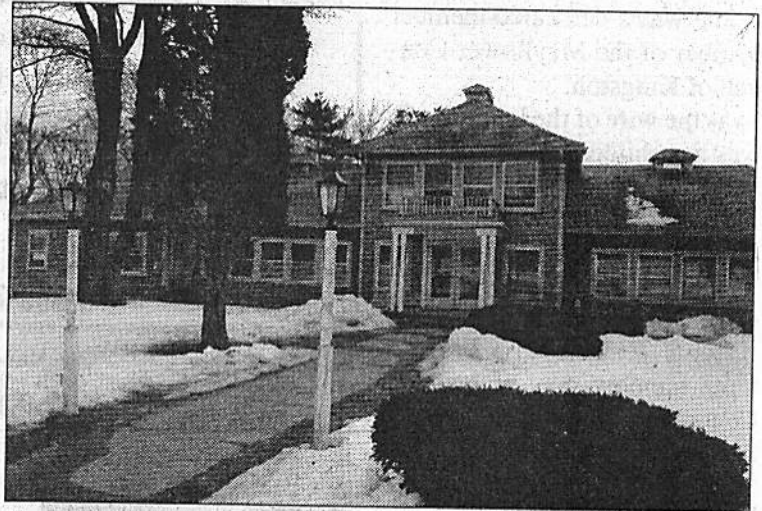


Religious society to make Duxbury their home

The Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret announced on Feb. 11 that they intend to make their property on Harden Hill Road in Duxbury their year-round residence and headquarters. The Sisters will build a new residence centered on their Duxbury property, with a design focused on environmental sustainability and rooted in traditional New England architectural style. Nine Sisters will live in the new building.

The Sisters are looking forward to becoming a more permanent part of the Duxbury community and believe it is an ideal location from which they can continue their ministry. There will be a regular round of services of worship and other events to which the public will be welcome.

Based in Boston since 1873, for the past 20 years the Sisters' headquarters has been located in Roxbury in a 38,000 square foot building set on four acres of property. The building is too large for the Sisters and they cannot afford to stay there, especially at a time when they are focusing their limited resources on their mission in Haiti, where there is a desperate need for help and assistance. The Sisters are



The Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret are going to make their Duxbury property, on Harden Hill Road, their main home after closing a facility in Boston.

consolidating their convent in Duxbury, a property their order has owned since 1903. Three Sisters will remain in a rented apartment in Boston so that they can continue the vital ministry they do in the city.

The Sisters are working with Saltonstall Architects, an experienced and well-respected architectural firm, and are committed to minimizing the impact of the project on neighboring properties. Preliminary plans for the new residence on Harden Hill Road are in keeping with the other buildings on the property, blending in well with the natural surroundings. The design incorporates an ecological sensitivity that

seeks to minimize the "environmental footprint" on the site wherever possible.

The Sisters and their architects will be meeting with appropriate town boards over the coming months to present their plan for the property.